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To require financial accountability with respect to certain contract actions related to the Secure Border Initiative of the Department of Homeland Security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. McCOTTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Border Initia-
5 tive Financial Accountability Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNT-**
7 **ABILITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of the De-
9 partment of Homeland Security shall review each contract

1 action related to the Department's Secure Border Initia-
2 tive having a value greater than \$20,000,000, to deter-
3 mine whether each such action fully complies with applica-
4 ble cost requirements, performance objectives, program
5 milestones, inclusion of small, minority, and women-owned
6 business, and timelines. The Inspector General shall com-
7 plete a review under this subsection with respect to a con-
8 tract action—

9 (1) not later than 60 days after the date of the
10 initiation of the action; and

11 (2) upon the conclusion of the performance of
12 the contract.

13 (b) REPORT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Upon com-
14 pletion of each review described in subsection (a), the In-
15 spector General shall submit to the Secretary of Homeland
16 Security a report containing the findings of the review,
17 including findings regarding any cost overruns, significant
18 delays in contract execution, lack of rigorous departmental
19 contract management, insufficient departmental financial
20 oversight, bundling that limits the ability of small business
21 to compete, or other high risk business practices.

22 (c) REPORT BY SECRETARY.—Not later than 30 days
23 after the receipt of each report required under subsection
24 (b), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to
25 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of

1 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
2 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the
3 findings of the report by the Inspector General and the
4 steps the Secretary has taken, or plans to take, to address
5 the problems identified in such report.

6 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
7 tion to amounts that are otherwise authorized to be appro-
8 priated to the Office of the Inspector General, an addi-
9 tional amount equal to at least five percent for fiscal year
10 2007, at least six percent for fiscal year 2008, and at least
11 seven percent for fiscal year 2009 of the overall budget
12 of the Office for each such fiscal year is authorized to be
13 appropriated to the Office to enable the Office to carry
14 out this section.

15 (e) ACTION BY INSPECTOR GENERAL.—In the event
16 the Inspector General becomes aware of any improper con-
17 duct or wrongdoing in accordance with the contract review
18 required under subsection (a), the Inspector General shall,
19 as expeditiously as practicable, refer information related
20 to such improper conduct or wrongdoing to the Secretary
21 of Homeland Security or other appropriate official in the
22 Department of Homeland Security for purposes of evalu-
23 ating whether to suspend or debar the contractor.

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